(b) whether Government are aware that if the suggestions of the ERC for introduction ofVRS is implemented, it would result in the total staff strength of the Ministry and Organisations under it, including Prasar Bharati, being reduced from 7,779 posts to 2,176 posts; and

(c) if so, the reasons for downsizing the Ministry and the amount of payment of VRS to employees involved thereby?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Menace of Video Piracy

386. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee for Development of the Entertainment Sector, Chaired by her, has considered the menace of Video piracy in the country, which is silently killing the film industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken onthe deliberations?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Committee for the Development of the Entertainment Sector has recommended that the State Police should be further educated on the provisions of the Copyright Act and its infringement through cable piracy. Accordingly, the Committee has recommended that two training modules be evolved for police officers and policemen and circulated to State Governments so that these can be incorporated in the training regimen of the law enforcement agencies at the State level. The job of preparing these training modules has been entrusted to the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, which may consult the Department of Education, which is the nodal Department for matters relating to the Copyright Act, 1957.

Anti-India propaganda by Pak TV

387. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistani TV are openly indulging in anti-India propaganda after attack on Indian Parliament by terrorists;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to counter such propaganda by Pak TV;

(c) whether Government propose to ban telecast of Pak TV programmes in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been the constant endeavour of Prasar Bharati to disseminate information regarding the policies and schemes of the Government. Under the J&K special package, expansion and upgradation of AIR and DDD infrastructure has been undertaken, which will increase the electronic media coverage in border areas. Special programmes are aired on DD and AIR to counter hostile propaganda.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Pak propaganda on Kashmir issue

388. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any analysis of the success or otherwise of the AIR and Doordarshan in Jammu and Kashmir to counter the PAK propaganda and the negative publicity on Kashmir issue;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan has made an analysis of viewership and usefulness of the programmes telecast to counter the Pak propaganda and the negative publicity on Kashmir. The survey has found that the programme reflect the true conditions in Kashmir and expose the false propaganda of Pakistan.

Under the J&K Special Package, extension and upgradation of AIR and Doordarshan infrastructure have been undertaken in order to increase the electronic media coverage in border areas. Suitable programmes are aired by